

## VSP Public Comment

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Should California reject the proposed Diebold system? Vote=Yes

Despite the best efforts of county registrars, people and machines make mistakes and sometimes votes are not counted as a result of these mistakes. After the March, 2004 primary election, a candidate challenging the incumbent in CD 11 was nearly deprived of his right to be on the ballot because of these mistakes (write-in candidate Jerry McNerney was about 70 votes short of qualifying as a candidate immediately after the votes were counted. He insisted on a re-count of absentee ballots cast in the four counties in the district, and the re-count uncovered enough uncounted McNerney votes to qualify him for the ballot).

The proposed Diebold system for a paper audit trail uses thermal paper that is unstable under certain conditions. In addition, multiple votes on a narrow roll of paper would present many challenges to those seeking to re-count votes in a particular race. The increases in costs of re-counts (which are borne by the county registrars if the candidate asking for the re-count gains enough votes) together with the increased difficulties in hand re-counting the votes are reason enough to reject Diebold's proposed system.

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### Citizen Proposed Standards:

The AVVPAT shall be printed on single sheet non-thermal at least 16 pound paper, one record of vote per sheet.

Every recorded vote, no matter how recorded, shall have a AVVPAT copy.

The AVVPAT record of the vote shall be printed in a minimum of 12 point font.

The AVVPAT shall be printed and organized to be easily read by both the voter and election officials.

The AVVPAT during the 1% manual audit and any recount shall be physically verified and hand counted only.

The recorded vote choices on the AVVPAT shall not be audited or recounted by automatic or electronic methods.

There shall not be a method by which any particular voting record can be connected to any particular voter.

Any AVVPAT spoiled or rejected by a voter because of a voting system error shall not be counted as a spoiled ballot under the two spoiled ballots limit.

No remote access to voting machines by wireless or internet.